

# UDSON JOURNAL

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A DIGEST FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKERS



DESIGNED FOR THOSE WHO SERVE



# "Unto us a child is born."

It gives us real joy to extend the greetings of this Christmas season to friends and co-workers who are engaged in Christian teaching.

We join in acknowledging your partnership, and in expressing the prayerful hope that this Christmas will be filled with the radiance and love of Christ.

May you and yours be blessed with the continuing presence of our Lord throughout the coming year.

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## *From the Desk of Kenneth L. Cober*

### RESIGNED

ANTHONY VASQUEZ resigned as Director of Christian Education for the Philadelphia Baptist Union, a position he has held since January 15, 1945. On October 15, Mr. Vasquez accepted the pastorate of St. John's Baptist Church of Philadelphia, a church which he has recently been serving as interim pastor.

JOSEPH I. CHAPMAN will discontinue his relationship as an Area Director on January 1. Mr. Chapman became Director of Christian Education for the Twin City Baptist Union on December 1, 1947. Sometime later, he also assumed the responsibilities of Executive Secretary, and has served the entire state in addition to the Twin Cities. Mr. Chapman will continue in the capacity of Executive Secretary, and will be assisted by a full time director of Christian Education.

### AMY GOODHUE LOOMIS

The many friends of Miss Loomis will regret to receive word that she resigned as Director of the Department of Music and Drama, as of October 31. Miss Loomis has made a significant contribution to the denomination and has created many values which will continue. Although the Department of Music and Drama has been discontinued, Miss Loomis will retain a relationship to the summer programs at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake.

### NEW WORKER WITH YOUTH

Beginning November 20, Miss Isabelle M. Gates began her work as Associate Director of World Service for the Baptist Youth Fellowship, and as Associate Secretary of the

Fellowship Guild. She is a graduate of Linfield College, and has the degree of M.R.E. from Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. Miss Gates has served as Christian Friendliness Missionary for the San Francisco Bay Cities area, for No. California, and for Oregon. Since 1949, she has been the national secretary of Chris-



Isabelle M. Gates



Persons attending the Biennial Directors' Conference will meet these new directors, photographed in an orientation program at Philadelphia. The four new directors are (left to right) E. Floyd Norton, Michigan, Robert Hammond, Indiana, James Havens, Illinois, and Allan Anderson, Tri-State area.

tian Friendliness for the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, and carried large responsibilities in the denominational program of D.P. settlement. Miss Gates will be associated with Miss Elsie P. Kappen, the national Director of World Service.

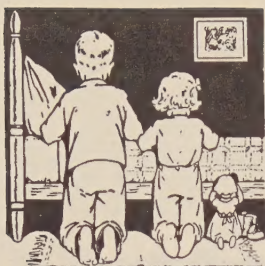
### NEW ARRIVALS

LARAMIE, WYOMING. Rev. George Estel Hines arrived September 15 to become Director of Christian Education and University Student work for the Wyoming Baptist Convention. Mr. Hines is a graduate of Sioux Falls College, and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as a missionary to China until forced out by the Communists. He comes from the pastorate of the Madison Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona.

PITTSBURGH, PA. Rev. G. Douglas Manson arrived October 1 to become Director of Christian Education for the Pittsburgh Baptist Association. Mr. Manson is a graduate of Lehigh University, and the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. He has previously served as pastor of the Groton Larger Parish, and of the First Baptist Church, Brockport, both in New York state.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN. Rev. Richard R. Haworth arrived October 1 to become Director of Christian Education for the Detroit Baptist Mission Society. Mr. Haworth is a graduate of Ottawa University, and of Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. He has previously served as Director of Christian Education for the First Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Michigan, and as Director of Youth Work for the Temple Baptist Church, San Francisco, California.





## Department of Children's Work



As we look toward Christmas this year, one might easily cry in despair with the poet who a century ago wrote so aptly for our own day,

"And in despair I bowed my head;  
'There is no peace on earth,' I said,  
For hate is strong, and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

But as Christian leaders trying to help children to achieve an abiding faith in God, we must not succumb to discouragement but will continue with the poet:

"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;  
'God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men!'"

Let us read and read again the Christmas message from the Word of God, and pause to reflect what it means for our day.\*

We may then share the spirit of our Ohio chairman of children's work who wrote the following meditation:

Long ago the lonely shepherds  
Watching o'er their flocks by night  
Heard the angels' joyous message --  
"He is born, the Lord of Light."

Straightway then they went to find him,  
Bearing gifts upon their way,  
And they knelt in adoration  
Where the baby Jesus lay.

Likewise, came the learn'ed Wise Men,  
Who were guided by the star.  
Brought rich gifts to lay before him  
When they journeyed from afar.

Let us leave behind the glitter  
And the hatred and the din,  
And go back to Bethlehem's manger,  
Once again, to worship him.

--Betty Harper

\*THE HARBINGER, Winter, 1950.

### ABOUT THE NURSERY CONFERENCES

Every Area Director and Chairman of Children's Work deserves a sincere expression of appreciation for the "magnificent and monumental" task accomplished in arousing thousands of people about nursery children and their needs. We have heard nothing but enthusiasm for the help and inspiration received from the Nursery Conferences held in hundreds of associations.

Here are brief excerpts from typical reports:

"The response to these conferences has been very, very good. In fact, the number of churches represented has been consistently higher than in the association conferences held last year."

--Lynnette Martin, New York

"We found that the Nursery Conferences met a growing need in the churches as well as stimulating them to working more diligently at the whole task of children's work."

--Margaret Sawin, Pennsylvania

"Though the total attendance was only 154 this number represented more than 75% of our churches."

--Gordon Forbes, Washington

"The response and interest of the people attending has been unusually good."

--James Havens, Illinois

"The percentage of churches represented was the largest we have ever had for any kind of meeting in the state, with the exception of the State Convention."

--Elizabeth Gale, Connecticut

"Our seven Nursery Conferences averaged above 50 in attendance and the enthusiasm ran high. The response on the part of nursery workers and young parents was most encouraging."

--Ben Field, Northern California



## 1954 LABORATORY SCHOOLS

It is our purpose and desire to see more regional and state laboratory schools established. In fact, it is a primary function of the Green Lake schools to train leaders for the respective state and city areas. To that end, therefore, we urge area directors to recruit potential leaders and send them to Green Lake for preparation to serve in regional schools.

In the next issue of JUDSON JOURNAL we hope to be able to announce the dates and places of all regional schools.

### GREEN LAKE

Special emphasis in 1954 Lab Schools --  
"Helping Children to Know Jesus"

#### First School, June 26-July 10

For first, second, third, and fourth year students, with a special section for professional Directors of Christian Education.

#### Second School, July 31-August 14

For first year students only. For workers with nursery, kindergarten, primary, junior, and junior high boys and girls, and a special section for pastors and general superintendents. (This section for the first week only.)

### NEW JUNIOR WORSHIP PICTURES

Large pictures, in four colors, unmounted, for use in the Junior Department worship service. Price per set, \$3.00.

#### SET NO. 1

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, Taylor  
THE HILLTOP AT NAZARETH, Wood  
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, Wood  
FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND, Wood  
THE WIDOW'S MITE, Wood  
THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY, Wood

#### SET NO. 2

EASTER NIGHT, Wood  
JESUS TEACHING FROM A BOAT, Wood  
THE CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES, Wood  
PRAYING HANDS, Durer  
CHRIST IN GETHSEMANIE, Taylor  
THE THREE WISE MEN, Taylor

## 1954

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN'S WORK

July 11 - 16 is the period chosen for next year's National Conference on Children's Work at Green Lake. As usual it follows the first laboratory school in order to encourage delegates to attend the laboratory school as well as the National Conference. If we are to expand our laboratory techniques we need to encourage more of our state chairmen to take laboratory training and prepare to give leadership to observation schools and laboratory schools in their areas.

The emphasis in next year's conference will be on "Using Laboratory Techniques." Demonstration patterns will be continued as a part of the five-day program.



FIRST SCHOOL, GREEN LAKE, 1952



# WINNING THE CHILDREN FOR CHRIST



## WINTER-SPRING PROJECTS

Velma L. Moore  
Western Area Missionary

January 6 - 15 - - - Los Angeles, California  
January 18 - 28 - - - Bakersfield, California  
Jan. 29 - Feb. 7 - - - San Diego, California  
February 12 - 21 - - - - - Riddle, Oregon  
Feb. 23 - Mar. 4 - - - Opportunity, Washington  
March 5 - 14 - - - - - Chehalis, Washington  
March 19 - 28 - - - - - Bay Cities  
Mar. 30 - Apr. 8 - - - - - Bay Cities  
April 21 - 30 - - - - - Stockton, California  
May 3 - 12 - - - - - Modesto, California  
May 14 - 23 - - - - - Fresno, California

Grace F. Hatler  
Central Area Missionary

January 6 - 15 - - - - - Iowa  
January 17 - 26 - - - - - Iowa  
Jan. 28 - Feb. 6 - - - - - Iowa  
February 10 - 19 - - - Kansas City, Kansas  
Feb. 21 - Mar. 2 - - - - - Iola, Kansas  
March 4 - 13 - - - Walnut Valley Assn., Kansas  
March 21 - 30 - - - - - Lansing, Michigan  
Mar. 31 - Apr. 9 - - - - - Greenville, Michigan  
April 21 - 30 - - - - - Urbana, Illinois  
May 2 - 11 - - - - - Paris, Illinois  
May 13 - 22 - - - - - Alton, Illinois

Virginia M. Huggins  
Eastern Area Missionary

January 6 - 15 - - - Elizabeth, New Jersey  
January 17 - 26 - - - Palmyra, New Jersey  
Jan. 28 - Feb. 6 - - - Washington, New Jersey  
February 10 - 19 - - - Jamaica Plain, Mass.  
Feb. 21 - Mar. 2 - - - Amesbury, Massachusetts  
March 4 - 13 - - - - - Poultney, Vermont  
March 21 - 30 - - - - - New York City  
Mar. 31 - Apr. 9 - - - - Philadelphia, Pa.  
April 21 - 30 - - - - - Dover, Delaware  
May 2 - 11 - - - - - Eastern Pennsylvania  
May 13 - 22 - - - - - Eastern Pennsylvania

## SPRING INSTITUTES on EASTER AND EVANGELISM

The annual Association Institute emphasis this year is Easter and Evangelism. Easter is April 18. Institutes should be held in late February or early March. Begin to plan now for this important emphasis.

### Materials You Will Need in Planning

GUIDE FOR PLANNING AN INSTITUTE ON EASTER AND EVANGELISM OF CHILDREN. . . . . 10¢  
EASTER WITH NURSERY CHILDREN. . . . . 25¢  
EASTER WITH KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN . . . 25¢  
EASTER WITH PRIMARY CHILDREN. . . . . 25¢  
EASTER WITH JUNIORS . . . . . 25¢  
EASTER IN THE TOWN AND COUNTRY CHURCH . 25¢

Secure from Department of Children's Work,  
1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

### New Evangelism Materials Available January 1954

FILMSTRIP, Winning Children for Christ - an interpretation of the church's job in evangelism of children including the Winning the Children for Christ program. The story of how Jerry Lane, an unreached boy, and his family are reached for Christ unfolds through the filmstrip. Price to be announced.

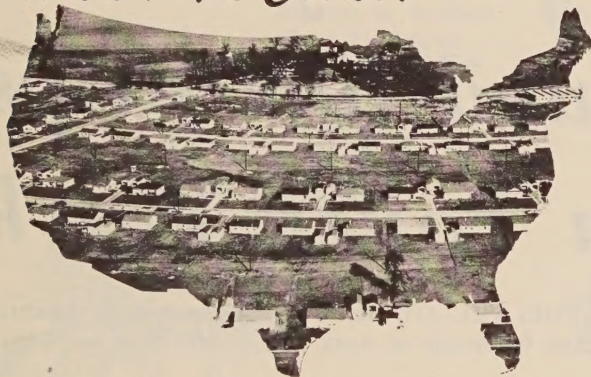
TEACHER'S MANUAL, Every Teacher's Business - Evangelism. Children's Worker's Manual. A new booklet to replace THEY BROUGHT CHILDREN to challenge children's workers to the total task of winning their pupils for Christ. Free.

PARENTS' LEAFLET, When Your Child Joins the Church, by Idris Jones. A brief interpretation and challenge to parents when their child takes this important step. For use by pastors and teachers. Single copy free. Per hundred, 75¢.



## AMERICA FOR CHRIST

### *Where Is The Church?*



### *Children's Project*

**AMERICA FOR CHRIST!** How each of us who is concerned for the spiritual lives of boys and girls wishes that it were possible to reach every person in the United States for Christ. A conservative estimate suggests that there are from 12,000 to 15,000 communities without a church in the United States. American Baptists true to their heritage of missionary outreach and evangelistic zeal want to help build some of the churches in these unchurched communities. The campaign "Churches for New Frontiers" organized to raise \$8,350,000.00 is already under way in many areas. This campaign is designated to reach men and women and young people through pledges made through the church.

For boys and girls a special picture-story folder has been printed. The stories and pictures tell a true story of a community without a church. Because some concerned parents and interested, enthusiastic boys and girls kept asking "Where is the church?" a town hall first served as a place of worship, then a large house and last a remodeled barn. Plans are ready today to build a real church building as soon as money is available. Already there are over two hundred in Sunday school and about two hundred and fifty were reached through a Vacation Church School!

The folders have been mailed in quantity for primary and junior boys and girls to each church. The materials should be used during February, with the offering on Feb. 28, 1954.

### FRIENDS WITH ALL THE WORLD

Friends With All the World is a charmingly illustrated new book for teachers of kindergarten, primary, and junior boys and girls in the field of Missionary Education for Children.

Miss Edith Welker wrote the book. She suggests in her first chapter the Biblical basis for missionary education. In subsequent chapters she lets her readers experience with boys and girls of kindergarten, primary, and junior age the ways they grow in Christian love, understanding, and concern that all may know Jesus Christ.

The author has portrayed Beth and Bob, children of two different families, and taken them through various stages of development, showing how, with proper teaching, they came to learn friendly ways toward their families, playmates, and the world. And because missionary education--or any education--must begin where the child is, this book starts with the home and moves from there out to the people of the world.

The book is rich in suggestions for making missionary units live for boys and girls! Order from Baptist Bookstores. \$1.50 paper; \$2.75 cloth.

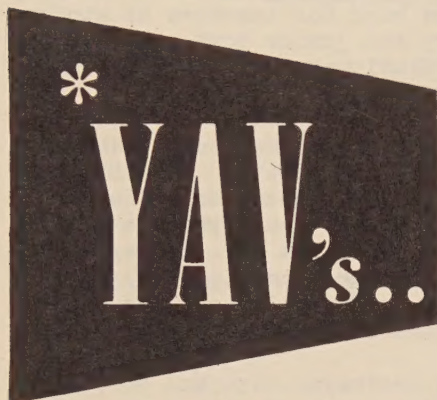






## Department of Youth Work

### Baptist Youth Fellowship



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Youth  
Audio-  
Visuals

# a kit of 7 new sound film strips on Youth Work

WE HAVE THIS FELLOWSHIP . . . Black and white filmstrip. Depicts a youth fellowship at work and its effect on an individual youth. 10.00

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**TOTAL \$80.00**

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entire Kit of seven units . . . . . 65.00

**YOU SAVE . . . . \$15.00**

#### ORDER FROM:

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Order from nearest store: Philadelphia,  
Chicago, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Seattle.

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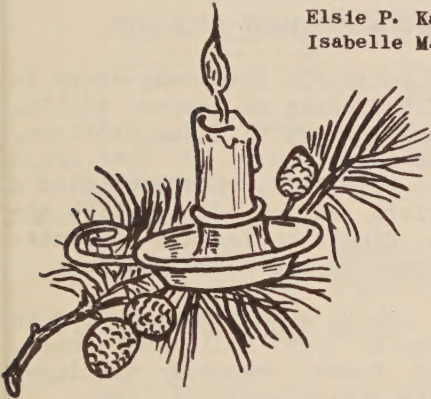
**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U. S. A.**  
79 East Adams St., Chicago 3, Illinois



Welcome, Miss Gates

*The National B.Y.F. staff wishes to extend  
the Season's Greetings to all our readers.*

Forrest B. Fordham  
L. Paul Bowling  
Charles R. Woodson  
Elsie P. Kappen  
Isabelle M. Gates



With this issue we wish to officially welcome Miss Isabelle M. Gates to the staff of the Baptist Youth Fellowship and the Department of Youth Work. The Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education shared in the appointment of Miss Gates as Associate Director of World Service and Associate Secretary of the Fellowship Guild.

#### GREEN LAKE OPPORTUNITIES for YOUTH and ADULT LEADERS - 1954

*All camps and conferences officially begin with the evening meal and end with breakfast  
on the dates listed.*

##### **June 16-24 - National Youth Conference**

Chairman: John Long

For high school graduates, working and military young people, ages 18-24, and college and seminary students who are active in local churches. Includes section for adult advisers.

##### **June 22-30 - Sr. High Presidents' Conference**

Director: L. Paul Bowling

For the senior high B.Y.F. president or other qualified person from each of 200 different churches. Includes section for adult advisers.

##### **June 22-23 - B.Y.F. National Congress**

National President, Diane Doane, Presiding

For all delegates to the Youth Conference, the Senior High Presidents' Conference, and National Council members.

##### **June 26-July 9 - National Jr. High Camp**

Director: Charles R. Woodson

For pupils in grades 7, 8, and 9 (ages 12, 13, and 14). Limited to 100 campers.

##### **June 26-July 10 - Junior High Lab School**

Teachers of junior high church school classes and advisers of the total Junior High Fellowship program will be trained through the laboratory method.

##### **July 1-9 - National Senior High Training Conference**

Director: Forrest B. Fordham

For senior high pupils, ages 15, 16, and 17. The conference is limited to 200 registrants. There will be a section for adult advisers.

##### **July 10-17 - National Guild House Party**

Director: Isabelle M. Gates

For B.Y.F. girls, ages 12-24, adult Guild leaders, state and association World Service secretaries.

##### **July 11-21 - National Senior High Frontier Camp**

For senior high pupils, ages 15, 16, and 17. This is an experimental type of camping on the "unit" plan. It features the best in camping techniques.

##### **July 31-August 14 - Second Junior High Lab School**

##### **August 14-21 - National Christian Education Conference**

One entire section will be composed of adult workers with youth. Training for teachers of junior high, senior high, and young people.



## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

These wintry days may cause us to think that summer is a long way off, but it is not too early to begin preparing for the vacation church school. Now is the time to enlist the leadership, set up training sessions, and get the preliminary planning under way.

The general theme for 1954 is THE CHURCH, and the recommended Judson text is The Story of the Church, by Claypool. It offers a splendid two-week course which captures the interest of junior highs. There are work books available for each pupil.

Other Judson Vacation Church School texts for junior highs are:

The Christian's Guide Book (Pease)  
Jesus, the Great Leader (Swain)  
Into All the World (Parker)  
I Find God (Brawn)

Every church school should strive for a strong junior high department in their vacation church school. It offers a challenging evangelistic opportunity.

## SUMMER CAMPS

Inform junior highs of camp opportunities for the summer. Publicity materials for city, state, and national Baptist Youth Fellowship camps should be made available to them as soon as possible, so they can begin making plans to spend summer at camp. Try to get a big delegation of junior highs to attend camp this summer. Your fellowship group will profit by the enthusiasm and inspiration the junior highs bring back from camp.

## DAY CAMPING

Many churches are successfully using a program of day camping for junior highs. Last summer in hundreds of churches junior highs spent from ten days to six weeks in a camp-type program, and yet slept each night in their own homes. The plan is for young people to meet at the church in the morning, then go to a lake, farm, or park for some camping activities, and return home in the evening. The Judson camping texts for junior highs can be easily adapted to this type of camping.

A leaflet entitled Day Camping for Your Church gives organizational and program suggestions for use in day camps. It may be

ordered from your nearest American Baptist Publication Society bookstore. The price is 75 cents per dozen. A more comprehensive book, Day Camping, may be ordered from the National Recreation Association, 315 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. It costs 50 cents. These aids give valuable help in setting up an effective day camp program.

## JUNIOR LIFE ADJUSTMENT BOOKLETS

Junior high age youth run into many snags in the process of beginning to become adults. To help them find answers to these problems, Science Research Associates, 57 West Grand Avenue, Chicago 10, Ill., has published a series of booklets called Junior Life Adjustment Series. Single copies are 40 cents. Orders must be sent to the above address.

These booklets may be used successfully as background material for Fellowship Guild, Boys' Club, and Sunday evening meetings. Among some of the titles available are:

How You Grow  
You and Your Problems  
Your Problems: How to Handle Them  
How to Get Along with Others  
Getting Along in School  
Getting Along with Parents  
High School Ahead  
Exploring the World of Jobs

A list of all the titles available will be sent on request by writing to Science Research Associates.

## JUNIOR HIGH PROJECTS

Do you have a difficult time finding worthy projects for the Junior High Fellowship? Here are some ideas which will be helpful to you in your work with junior highs. The five action manuals contain an abundance of suggestions. Many of them can be used as they are, and some will need to be adapted to fit the interests of junior highs. Don't overlook the treasure chest of help found in these manuals.

You may wish to use these additional suggestions: make craft, hobby, and sewing kits for the children of migrant workers. Indian children always welcome books, games, and athletic equipment. The girls might make small size quilts, and the boys might make or repair push and pull toys for the children on our home mission fields. Flower and vegetable seeds, books, and toys can be sent to our foreign mission fields.





SPECIAL INTEREST  
MISSION FIELDS

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS FOR B.Y.F. EMPHASIS

Two mission fields of unusual interest to American Baptist young people have been put under the spotlight by the National Council of the Baptist Youth Fellowship.

They are the new Christian Center for American Indians at Anadarko, Oklahoma, and the focal point of youth work in a large area of the Philippines, Central Philippine University, Iloilo, on the island of Panay.

No drive for money in behalf of these two centers of missionary work is expected by the B.Y.F., the National Council has emphasized.

INDIAN CHRISTIAN CENTER, ANADARKO

Emphasis on the work for Indians and the mission in the Philippines is for the purpose of helping Baptist young people to learn more about our world mission work. These two mission fields are "windows" through which young people can see the vast world mission program of their denomination.

Young people in Baptist churches support this work that covers the entire world when they give to missions through the regular offerings in their churches and when they take part in the Sharing Plan of the B.Y.F., youths' part in the Every Member Canvass in their own churches.

YOUNG MEN OF THE PHILIPPINES




Charles Osborn, missionary in charge of Christian Center for Indians, Anadarko, Oklahoma, with Indian young people.

These Baptist youth leaders in the Philippines were chosen to find a permanent youth camp for the mission work.

Recently the denomination has publicized a literature rack for churches and the various agencies of the denomination have prepared leaflets for it. A new illustrated one has been prepared for the Baptist Youth Fellowship which sets forth what the B.Y.F. is, what it has done, its denominational ties, its program and materials. If a church has a literature rack the leaflets will be sent automatically. The leaflet is also available separately at the rate of \$1.75 per 100. Order from the Council on Missionary Cooperation.

#### GETTING READY FOR THE SHARING PLAN

Churches are getting ready even now for their Every Member Canvass, many of them undertaking it in the spring months. That means that young people should be planning for their part of it, the B.Y.F. Sharing Plan, whose slogan is "Our Job, Too!" If your state B.Y.F. has appointed a Sharing Plan Pilot get in touch and tell him when your church canvass comes. To date four Pilots have been reported to the New York office.

You will want the revised Sharing Plan packet which is nominally priced and can be had on order from the C.M.C. The packet contains a pamphlet giving full directions for the youth part in the canvass, report blank, dramatization and pamphlets. Order from New York.

About 100 Church Leadership Conferences are being held for training of leaders in the conduct of an Every Member Canvass. The churches participating in these should have at least one young person among those attending.

#### MILK IS MOVING



Cards are piling up at the headquarters adding to the record, day by day, of milk flowing to Korea and other needy places because young people care enough to share through the "Milk for Millions" project.

Has your group had a part in it? Several groups used Halloween as an opportunity to ring door bells and ask for gifts, not for themselves, but for hungry children of the world.

Here is the information every B.Y.F. will want to have on the two mission fields selected for emphasis this year --Christian Center among Indians at Anadarko, Oklahoma, and the Central Philippine University, Iloilo, P.I. The leaflet has been prepared for the Baptist Youth Fellowship by the Council on Missionary Cooperation. Order from State Convention office.

Young people will find the following aids useful for special evenings, panels, broadcast programs, bulletin boards.

Philippines for Christ Posters, a pictorial display of our work in the Islands. Order from Council on Missionary Cooperation. 20¢

Harvest in the Philippines. A 35mm film-strip with text. Sale, \$3.00.

The Rivers Still Flow is a color movie with sound. (American Indian) Rental, \$9.00.

Order from Visual Aids Library, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.; 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley, California.

Operation Philippines. A new booklet including work for young people. American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Free.

Play: Visiting the Pearl of the Orient. Dramatization on life in the Philippines. Order from W.A.B.F.M.S., New York. 15¢





# Department of Adult Work and Family Life

## CHRISTMAS RESOURCES

### MAKING CHRISTMAS CHRISTIAN

All of us face the temptation to commercialize Christmas. The pressure of advertising - newspaper, magazine, radio, and television - plus glittering displays in store windows tend to quicken our interest, and to spur the purchase of gifts for friends and relatives. Thus preparation for Christmas often alienates serious thoughts of the true meaning of this wonderful celebration of Christ's birth in a lowly manger.

Truly, Christmas is a meaningful occasion for all who acknowledge the Saviorhood of Jesus. At this season it is important that Christian people not only have the spirit of giving which symbolizes their love for others but that they reflect a joyous faith which is evident to everyone they meet from day to day. "Merry Christmas," when spoken by a Christian, becomes a genuine expression of his desire to articulate the happiness of his own heart and to share his joy with others.

In a special way we are conscious of the blessings of "home" and "family" during the Christmas season. It is fitting therefore that families acknowledge the providence of God within the home through group prayers or devotions.

No period of the year is more conducive to family worship. When life is filled with the joy of sharing and giving, many families express their gratitude for the wonderful gift of God's Son through an experience of worship in the home.

A growing number of families are setting aside a certain period on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day for family worship, using "Christmas Joy: A Service for Your Home" as a guide. This leaflet contains an impressive family ritual, including carols, Scripture, and poetry, and can be used in families with young children. One sample copy will be given free by the Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, upon request. \$3.00 per 100.

As we approach Christmas this year, may it be a truly Christian experience.

An excellent selection of literature is currently available for parents, pastors, and church school workers who seek to make Christmas a more meaningful celebration in home and church. Worship suggestions, decorative ideas, programs, pageants, and other festive features are included in these books and pamphlets, all of which may be obtained, without delay, from the Division of Education in Home, Church, and Community, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Penna.

The following books will be of special interest to families:

Christmas in the Home. McRae. 50¢. (Readings, stories, carols, and scripture selections.)

The Family Celebrates Christmas. Carl. 50 cents. (Ideas for worship, gift exchanges and stories.)

Make Your Own Merry Christmas. Wertsner. \$2.00. (Creative ideas for home decorations.)

Church School workers with children of all ages will find the following books extremely helpful in developing programs, and in making Christmas a truly Christian experience:

Christmas with Children. Hathaway. (For small churches with ungraded groups and for the home.) 20 cents.

Christmas with Nursery Children. (In church and home.) 20 cents.

Christmas with Kindergarten Children. Smith. (In church and home.) 20 cents.

Christmas with Primary Children. Turley. (In church and home.) 20 cents.

Christmas with Juniors. Hollowood. (In church and home.) 20 cents.





## THE TRAINING OF ADULTS IS AN IMPERATIVE

Many people assume that the adults do not need special training for leadership in home, church, and community programs. However, it has become an accepted fact that men and women need to be trained for tasks that involve leadership in the teaching and witnessing ministry of the church. Indeed, the key to success in any church program is the quality of leadership which is given by adults.

Far less effort is invested in encouraging leaders of adults to train for specific church tasks than is apparent at other age-levels. Leadership education schools frequently omit courses for leaders of adults. And, it is a matter of record that these same leaders participate in far fewer leadership education classes than persons who do not sponsor or who lead activities for children and youth.

We may well ask whether there are motivations and incentives that differentiate leaders of children and youth from those who have leadership in local church adult programs. Or, is the answer to be found in a more aggressive promotion of courses for those who serve as teachers, departmental officers, group leaders, church officials, and superintendents? Obviously, this problem offers no easy solution therefore we are faced with the necessity of developing more effective techniques and methods of challenging adults to train themselves for leadership in church activities.

Many opportunities for adult education and training are possible in every church. Organized classes provide occasions for study and fellowship. Men's and women's organizations promote interest in missionary education, service projects, and participation in community activities. Forums, discussion groups, and parents' clubs give guidance in exploring problems of timely interest.

Indeed, the future of Christian education in our churches will depend in no small measure upon our success in motivating today's adults to take their tasks seriously, developing skills, and making the best possible use of methods, materials, and techniques.

The instruction and training of adults is the most imperative need of this day; as such, it merits the serious and intelligent concern of every worker in the field of Christian education.

## A TIMELY BOOK

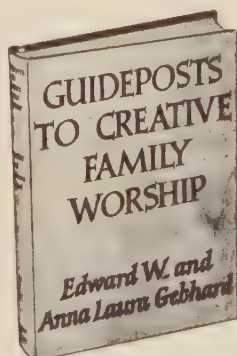
### GUIDEPOSTS TO CREATIVE FAMILY WORSHIP.

Edward W. and Anna Laura Gebhard. Abington Cokesbury Press. \$2.50.

Much has been said about family worship; many parents feel ill-equipped to improve practical, workable methods for fostering spiritual growth in their children. Family worship is more praised in churches than practiced in homes, where daily living is too often a constant struggle to keep ahead of dirty dishes and clothes and meet schedules for meals and get father to work and children to school on time. . .

It's a situation this book seeks to remedy, with practical, tested suggestions for recognizing and using the opportunities and tools for religious growth that are (or can easily be made) available in the home -- the Bible, a hymnal, prayers, pictures, table conversation, hobbies. In these pages family worship emerges in a new framework -- not as a special ceremony or a carefully-bracketed pious interlude in the day's activities, but as a strong, pervading sequence of attitudes and acts which undergird the total family experience of living together and enter into every arena of family activity.

It's a "how-to" book -- how to teach a young child to use and enjoy the Bible, how to make family holidays happier occasions, how to derive spiritual benefits from radio and TV. It is written in conversational style (see below), and slanted toward several age levels to insure both timely and timeless value for every Christian home. And it includes specific resource materials and a bibliography.



The chapters: Roots of Family Religion, Growing Toward God, Grace Before Meat, Talk Around the Table, Thy Word is Our Lamp, The Hymn Book in the Home, Worshipping Alone, Harnessing Our Hobbies for Worship, Family Festivals, At Hallowed Times, Your Church Is Your Partner.

This book should be in the library of every Baptist church and every Baptist home. Order from your nearest American Baptist Publication Society Store.





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## THE NATIVITY



The water color, "The Nativity," by Dick West shows an Indian mother holding her child on a traditional cradle board. The father stands by in searching contemplation. The elders or wisemen, typical of three different tribes, sit naturally on the ground, conferring together about the future of the child.

The setting is a corral, where the horses are tethered, since the Indian of former days did not domesticate cattle. Back of the shelter may be seen the tepees of other travelers. In a burst of glory, a star flares out, revealing as a dream Galilean hills and another lowly shed.

Dick West, who is a Cheyenne Indian, has succeeded in portraying this special Indian family group in an appealing and reverent manner. Mr. West is the director of the Art Department at Bacone College in Oklahoma. He has created a series of remarkable oil paintings of familiar Bible stories, including "The Crucifixion" and "The Indian Christ in Gethsemane." Thousands have responded to the dignity, depth of feeling and forthright sincerity found in Mr. West's pictures.

## Christmas

By William J. Keech

Christmas always comes as a fresh reminder to all men of the divine invasion into the world of human consciousness and need. Its best symbols are stars for light and songs for gladness and a baby in its cradle for the warmth of love.

We need Christmas more than ever because we need a fresh vision of the God it reveals. To realize the nearness of God and the help he gives is the only foundation for peace in the inner security and calm of the soul and in the outward order of a society fulfilling its largest functions in God's providence.

May this season renew in each one of us a deeper conviction of the goodness of God. May we find in its star the light of truth to guide us, in its gladness the response of trusting and obedient hearts, and in its Christ the Lord and Saviour who commands our utmost devotion and consecration.

### BROTHERHOOD MONTH ---- FEBRUARY

Race Relations Sunday, February 14, 1954

Theme: "For ... Healing of the Nations"

Race Relations Sunday Packet for 1954 contains Annual Message; Worship Service; Programs for Children, Youth, Adult Groups; Information for Speakers on Chinese-Americans, Indian-Americans, Japanese-Americans, Negro-Americans, Spanish-Speaking Americans.

Order Packet from the Department of Publication and Distribution, 120 East 23rd Street, New York 10, New York. Packet, 15 cents; \$12.00 per hundred. Please send remittance with order.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER -- FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1954

Basic Packet of materials available from the Department of Publication and Distribution. Address given above. Price, 40 cents.



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DOROTHY A. STEVENS



The Book of Books is a most appropriate gift at Christmas. A copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, with a glowing red cover, will cheer the heart of

who has not yet received one. Words of faith and promise come from that first Christmas: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel' (which means, 'God with us.')" Matthew 1:21-23 RSV

Those who have the Bible will also find joy and inspiration and a call to fuller Christian living in reading the gift books that have been chosen to help keep Christmas Christian.

### Christmas Books for Christian Friends

#### Adults and Young People

Report from Christian Europe. Stewart W. Sherman. Valuable appraisal of the life of churches in Europe. \$2.50

Here's the Sun. Samuel H. Moffett. Exciting story of the Christian program round the world. \$2.00; \$1.25

Little Talk and Tidbits. Dorothy A. Stevens. Christian stories, with recipes, from around the world. \$2.50

My Life Cameos. Catharine L. Mabie, M. D. Wonderful autobiography. \$2.50

My Journey. Isabel Crawford. Autobiographical sketches of a missionary pioneer among Kiowa Indians. \$2.50

History of the Baptists. Robert G. Torbet. Every church. \$6.00

The Iranian. Elizabeth P. Moss. Delightful novel by a missionary. \$3.00

Moments of Worship. Mary Beth Fulton. Devotional book. \$2.00

These My Brethren. Ada P. Stearns. Story of Marjorie Wilkins and leprosy work. 50¢

A Book of Remembrance. 1954. Indispensable daily inspirational missionary readings; statistics, maps, missionaries' birthdays. 50¢

#### Youth and Children

Papi. Eleanor Hull. Exciting story of a Puerto Rican Boy's life in the U.S.A. \$2.00; \$1.25

Carver's George. Florence Crannell Means. Dr. Carver's early struggles and life dedication. \$2.50

Missionary Story Hour. Compiled by Nina Millen. Thrilling to read or tell. \$1.50

Friendly Children Around the World. Compiled by Florence Stansbury. Stories by Baptist missionaries, enrichment material for leaders, service projects and Special Interest missionary information. 75¢

The Round Window. Elizabeth C. Allstrom. Twelve stories of children at work and worship around the world. \$1.25

New Friends for Nena. Margaret Clemens McDowell. Puerto Rican family finds friends and happiness in America. \$1.25

The Christmas Promise. Ingeborg Stolee. Jesus' birth and first 12 years. \$1.00

Thank You God. Bill and Bernard Martin. Stories and prayers. \$1.25

World Friends at Work and Worship. Picture album and stories. \$1.00

#### Enrichment Books

The Whole World Singing. Edith L. Thomas. Illustrated book of hymns, folk songs and action songs. \$2.75; \$1.50

Here's How and When. Armilda B. Keiser. New and different. Activities, directions for use, resources. \$2.75; \$1.50

Children's Games from Many Lands. Nina Millen. \$2.00; \$1.50





# Department of Administration and Leadership Education

## P-R-O-V-I-D-E T-R-A-I-N-I-N-G FOR YOUR WORKERS

Some time ago, I talked with a church director of Christian education who had enlisted workers through the use of the Volunteer Service Enlistment Blank. Of the many workers who indicated they were willing to serve in various phases of work in the church, 40 asked for training prior to taking positions on a permanent basis. The work done by teachers, superintendents and others in places of leadership would be more effective if the workers were given opportunities to observe others, serve for a time as an apprentice, and take certain basic leadership education courses prior to taking the job in question. At this point in our consideration, let us pursue the latter method, that is, training through leadership courses.

### Where Shall We Start?

Certainly, the persons involved must get some training for the tasks they are chosen to perform. One person will need to know how to give guidance to kindergarten children, another to be a counsellor of youth, another to teach a mixed class of young adults, and yet another to be the superintendent of the Junior Department. While certain courses should be taken for a specific job, other more general courses in Bible, Christian beliefs, and the program of Christian education will be needed also.

### What Materials Do We Need?

When selecting courses for a training school or class, the responsible person or committee should have at least the following materials:

1. "Guides to Better Church Leadership," Baptist leaflet (free) which lists first series courses and tells briefly of how courses may be taught for credit.



2. "Essentials to Better Church Leadership," Baptist leaflet (free) which lists second series courses and tells briefly how courses may be taught for credit.
3. "Home Study for Church Workers," Baptist leaflet (free) which relates how standard credit may be earned by taking certain first and second series courses by correspondence.
4. Educational Bulletin No. 501, National Council manual (25 cents) which lists first series courses.
5. Educational Bulletin No. 502, National Council manual (35 cents) which lists second series courses.
6. "Training Leaders for Your Church," Baptist manual (10 cents) which gives information about the program of leadership education for the church, lists briefly all courses with emphasis upon the Basic Courses (four first series courses selected by Baptists for special emphasis) and the Advanced Courses (10 second series courses selected by Baptists for special emphasis).

Note. Leaflets may be obtained from your city or state director of Christian education or from our national office. Manual may be ordered from American Baptist Publication Society book stores.

### What Courses Shall We Offer?

Whether there be only one class consisting of 8 or 10 or a school of two or more classes, the course or courses selected should be chosen to meet the needs of the students. Below are a few illustrations of courses taught in typical situations. To save space only the numbers of courses are listed.

1. For three consecutive Fridays with a worship period at 8:10 - 8:35, Baptist Basic First Series Courses 110a and 141a or 124a and 610.1a taught at both 7:15 - 8:00 and 8:40 - 9:30 p.m.

110a, Personal Christian Living  
124a, The Life of Jesus  
141a, Introduction to Teaching  
610.1a, The Baptist Church School.

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## WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

"What can we do to improve our work?" is a question often asked of Christian educators. There is no one answer. It may be a change in program materials, equipment, methods, or the schedule. The one most likely answer would be, "Improve your leadership."

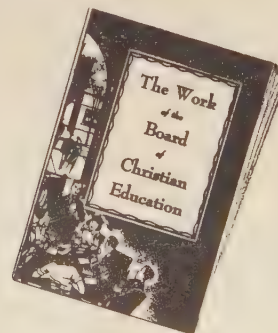
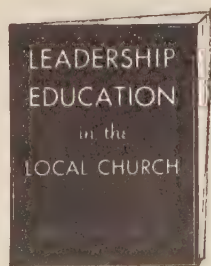
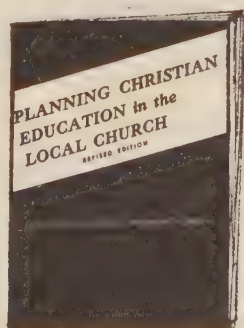
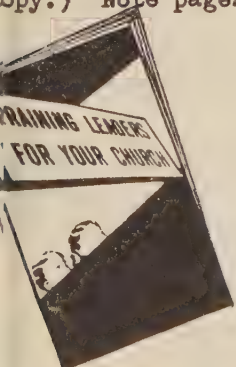
His recent book, "Guiding Workers in Christian Growth," Dr. Frank M. McKibben writes:

"Trained Leaders the Key to Improvement." Most of the steps toward improvement in the educational program thus far discussed center in leadership. Unless a local church has plans under way for the continuous development of competent creative workers, it will always be shorthanded in service. Leadership education is an essential undergirding for any effective program of Christian nurture. Many denominations and local churches have never made a statesmanlike approach to the task of training leaders. They have proceeded on the assumption that somehow without advance planning and preparation leaders would be available when they are needed."

### Your Denomination Suggests

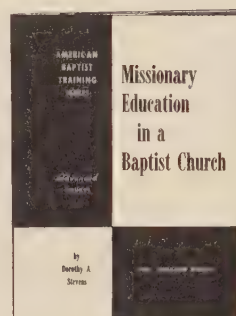
"... your denomination and local church together might develop a program which will FIND, ENLIGHTEN, INSPIRE, TRAIN, AND SUPERVISE all the workers needed to serve the children, youth and adults in your church. To aid you in the development of such a continuous program of training, we suggest the following materials:

"The Work of the Board of Christian Education," pages 20, 21. (25¢ each, 5 for \$1.) "Planning Christian Education in the Local Church," R. Hoiland. Chapter 2. (50¢.) "Leadership Education in the Local Church," George H. Gwynn, Jr. (\$2.75 per copy.) "Training Leaders for Your Church," (10¢ per copy.) Note pages 3-11, 17.



## DR. STEVENS, AUTHOR

Dr. Dorothy A. Stevens (Editor of Missionary Education Publications of the Board of Education and Publication) is author of a long awaited book, "Missionary Education in a Baptist Church." Note excerpts from cover:



"This timely volume will meet the long-felt need for an authoritative text setting forth the most successful methods of promoting missionary interest in a local church." ... Furthermore, the author shows that missionary education is not to be thought of as an 'extra' to be added to the on-going program of the church, but instead is an essential part of that program, and can and should be thoroughly integrated in it." ... "Pastors, directors of religious education, members of boards of Christian education, members of women's missionary organizations and committees -- indeed, all Christian leaders -- will find this book worthy of study."

### Contents by Chapters

- I Christian Missions in the Church
- II Missionary Education in the Church's Plans.
- III The Church School of Missions
- IV Missions in the Sunday Church School
- V The Missionary Reading Program
- VI Missionary Education Projects
- VII Missionary Education of Children
- VIII Missionary Education of Youth
- IX Missionary Education of Adults
- X The Wider Brotherhood

"Missionary Education in a Baptist Church" is a text for Course 150b, Missionary Education in the Local Church (an Advanced Course of our American Baptist Training Series). Paper, \$1.50; cloth, \$2.50.



## What Courses to Offer? (Cont. from page 14)

2. For six consecutive Tuesdays with worship between the classes, teach 110a and 141a (7:15 - 8:05) and 124a and 610.1a (8:40 - 9:30). This permits a student to take two courses.
3. One night a week for six weeks (one hour each night) or two nights a week for three weeks (two 50 minute periods each night) teach courses in administration: 212a, 312Aa, 412a, 610.1a.
4. On schedule as in 3. above, teach courses in methods for each department: 221a, 231a, 241a, 251a, 321a, 331a, 341a, 411a.
5. For six nights (Tuesdays and Thursdays) with each student taking one second series course for two 50 minute periods (7:30 - 8:20 and 8:50 - 9:40) with worship (8:25 - 8:45), the following courses are suggested for schools:
  - a. 121b, 150b, 210b, 310b, 410b.
  - b. 122b, 131Bb, 211b, 311b, 411b.
  - c. 114b, 122AcB, 141b, 610b.
6. On six consecutive Mondays, with worship at 7:50 and one of the following taught from 8:00 to 9 p.m.: 131Ba, 132a, 610a, 110a, 124a, 141b, 610b.
7. Sunday evenings or at midweek services (with worship at 7:45 and class from 8:05 to 9 p.m.) one of the following: 120a, 125a, 121Psa, 122Mta, 120b, 122AcB, 124b.
8. At the Sunday church school hour (especially for trainees or new teachers) one of the following: 110a, 124a, 141a, 141b.
9. As described in Home Study leaflet, when a student (or even a few workers studying together) takes a course by correspondence, the following are typical courses: 110a, 610a, 520b.

### TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR DIRECTORS of Local Baptist Churches

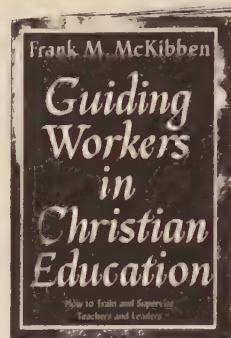
Place: Berkeley Baptist Divinity School,  
Berkeley, California

Date: January 19-22, 1954

#### REGISTER NOW!

In case information has not reached you,  
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## TO IMPROVE YOUR WORK



Out of a wealth of experience, Dr. Frank M. McKibben has written "Guiding Workers in Christian Education." The book is "a workable manual for ministers, directors of Christian education, general or departmental superintendents, supervising or helping teachers, church boards of education--for everyone who trains or directs workers in Christian education or is preparing for such work." The book was written as a text for Course 520b, Methods in Supervision and Teacher Guidance. The book contains 160 pages, sells for \$1.60 and may be obtained from your American Baptist Publication Society book store.

### Contents by Chapters

- I. Christian Education Can Be Improved
- II. Who Will Guide Improvement?
- III. Conditions Essential to Effective Education
- IV. Developing Common Understandings
- V. Guidance Through Group Activity
- VI. Guiding Individual Workers
- VII. Developing Competent Creative Workers
- VIII. How Effective Is Christian Education?

### DIRECTORS' SECTION -- CINCINNATI

Under the sponsorship of the National Council of Churches, the Directors' Section will be held February 9, 10, 11, 1954... The Directors' Section is one of the largest of several Sections. The program is as a rule good and practical... Baptist directors expect to fellowship together one evening. We hope to see you there.

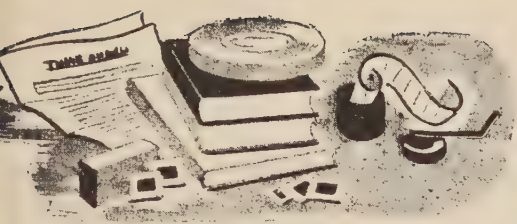
### MERRY CHRISTMAS

With all the joy it brings to children, Christmas is fraught with deep meaning for older persons also. During the Christmas Season, may you become lost in deep worship, find joy in Christian service, and happiness with your family and friends.

*Ruth M. Campbell*  
*Kathleen Smith*  
*Miriam A. Peterson*  
*James E. Tiller*







### Material For Mission Study Themes Of 1953-1954

Mission study themes for the current year are "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World" and "Spanish-speaking Americans in the U.S.A." A number of fine motion pictures are available for use with each theme.

The Joint Commission on Missionary Education in cooperation with the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches, has produced "A People Without Fear." This film was shot by the Julien Bryan organization. It contains material of unusual interest on phases of church work around the world. The most unusual part is some excellent footage from Korea, taken especially for this film. Running time, 28 minutes, sound, black and white, or color. Rental: B&W, \$8.00; color, \$12.00.

"Worship Around the World" is the adaptation of the theme for children. In connection with that subject, a delightful filmstrip has been produced which will be useful with many graded lessons as well as with this study theme. It is "Sunday Around the World." Pictures are water color sketches by Janet Smalley who has illustrated many children's books. The filmstrip shows children observing Sunday in many countries as they sing, learn, pray, give and serve, both in churches and in their homes.

In addition to these projected aids prepared for use this year there is a wealth of older material offering a selection for those who wish to plan an extensive program. Many motion pictures show several phases of the life and task of the church, it is possible to use several of the fine films produced during recent years. A list of such films can be secured for ten cents. More than 30 films usable with the "Life and Task" theme are listed; also films on Spanish-speaking Americans and a number of filmstrips.

For groups studying "Spanish-speaking Americans" there is a filmstrip correlated with the Leader's Guide for this study and designed for use as a basis for discussion.

Titled "Our Newest Neighbors," this film-strip may be used in three sections if desired. 54 frames, black and white. Sale, \$3.00.

"They Too, Need Christ" is the story of a mission church serving a Mexican family in the Southwest. Thoroughly interdenominational it will serve admirably for use with the "Spanish-speaking" study theme. Rental, \$11.50.

"The Church of the Empty Cross" is a film offered by the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church USA. It covers the "plaza people" of northern New Mexico, the Mexicans of the Southwest and the Puerto Ricans in New York. There is little in the picture that is distinctly Presbyterian so it is recommended for use by any denomination to show the typical church work among these people. 44 minutes, color. Rental, \$12.00.

Among the non-projected materials is the new picture album, "World Friends at Work and Worship." 32 pages, 16 photographic reproductions with descriptions for their use by Elizabeth Allstrom. Price, \$1.00.

"Children at Worship Around the World" is a set of eight colorful, poster type pictures drawn by Janet Smalley with accompanying stories by Nina Millen. Size 10 x 12. Price, \$1.25 per set.

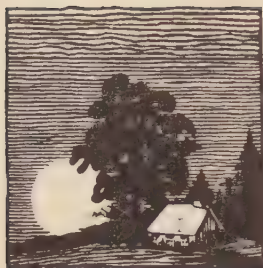
There are picture maps of the United States, the World, and the Bible in Many Lands. Each map is to be colored by the pupils and is accompanied by a sheet of cut-outs, also to be colored and pasted on the map. Suggestions for use accompany each map. Price, 75 cents each.

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V.E.F. NEWSLETTER







# Department of Camps and Summer Conferences

## NEW CONFERENCE TRENDS

The old assembly program is getting much study these days. It is being designed to fit more nearly the needs of the conferee and his local church. Work experiences and elements of vocational guidance are being combined with the latest in leadership education to make an experience of real worth to the youth of our Convention.

The magazine, Campers Today, the senior high conference program for 1953, proved of great value and dealt with the subject, "The Christian in His Community." The 1954 magazine will deal with the theme, "The Christian and His Life Work."

A unique experiment is taking place on the east coast in the area of the use of group dynamics in the church conference field. The results of this experimentation will be made available in the fall of 1954.

## YOU NEED AN ARCHITECT!

Even a brief visit to the camps within the American Baptist Convention would convince anyone of the value of a good church camp architect. Experience has proved that a camp committee does not save money in by-passing an architect. The committee will more than save the cost of the architect by avoiding costly mistakes so common to committees who attempt building without an architect. You may find an excellent architect in your own area. An architect who has been used extensively throughout the Convention is Glen Wallace, 260 Emerald Street, S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

## DO YOU WANT MORE JUNIORS IN YOUR CAMP?

The rapid growth of junior camps has been one of the amazing developments in church camping. In an effort to reach as many campers as possible some areas are attempting junior camps of 200, 300, and 400, which gives rise to the following questions: Are we in danger of prematurely exhausting interest in camping by providing such crowded facilities for a camper's beginning experi-

ence? Has your camp committee carefully thought through the progression of experiences between junior, junior high, and senior high camping? The Boy Scouts of America do not use the overnight camping procedure with their junior scouts. Has your camp committee made such distinctions in the experiences available to juniors and junior highs?

The United States Government in its book, Park and Recreation Structures, says that a camp is no longer a camp if it has more than 125 people in it, meaning that that which is intangibly a camp disappears when masses of people make regimentation necessary. Has your camp committee thought carefully concerning the number of juniors your camp facilities can adequately handle? Does the capacity of your camp, or the real need of your campers, determine the number of campers permitted to attend in any one period?

Junior camping is not necessarily good for juniors. A combination of adequate facilities, trained leadership, a carefully planned program, and a genuinely Christian community atmosphere are essential for a successful junior camp.

## HOW WELL ORGANIZED ARE YOU?

The majority of serious problems arising in camping are coming from inadequate organization of camp programs within an area. It has long been demonstrated that the best organization for a church camp is to insist that both program and campsite are planned and operated by the same committee. In a number of areas where these functions are separated continual problems arise which affect the proper functioning of the camp. It is recommended that the camping program within a state be operated through the Department of Christian Education, that the state board of Christian Education organize a committee on camps and conferences, which committee should deal with the following areas of camp work: campsite development, camp management, camp program, camp publicity, camp leadership training, and camp financing. Adequate representation should be provided for different camps in the area, and an effort should be made to include all Baptist camps in some kind of overall state fellowship.



## DO YOU DARE TO EVALUATE YOUR CAMP?

There is nothing magical about camping. A good camping experience is possible only through careful planning. Would you dare to evaluate the effectiveness of your camp in terms of Christian living on the part of the camper in camp and at home? Would you be willing to rate yourself on the training that was given the leaders of your camp, or on the planning that went into the development of your program, or on the counseling that directed the campers toward a more effective experience of Christian living?

If you want to begin this process of evaluation, get the little booklet, Toward Better Church Camping, which is available through the Division of Education in Home, Church, and Community at a cost of 25 cents. In a number of state areas the camp committee is being called together to make a careful evaluation of the entire camping program. Any evaluation should take into consideration how effectively the camping program is reaching the constituency. In other words, is your camp and conference program adequately meeting the needs of family groups and older youth?

### "WANTED--A COUNSELOR"

Don't wait any longer in your effort to recruit camp leadership for the '54 season. The four-page leaflet entitled, Wanted--A Counselor, will help in such recruitment. A long-term program should be developed for the recruitment and training of your camping staff. Wanted--A Counselor can be sent to pastors in your area, and many interested Christian education directors and lay workers should also be included on your mailing list. Make your request for counselors as personal as you possibly can make it.

## A WORD ABOUT 1954 CURRICULUM

### Senior High

The material for the senior high conference program is well on its way. Again the material will be presented in the form of a full magazine entitled, Campers Today, and the theme this year will be "The Christian and His Life Work."

The magazine will be available by February

### Junior High

The following junior high texts are available for use in 1954:

An Adventure Into Friendship, Britten

Adventurers on the Way, Gilbert and Britten

Adventuring Together as Christians is in process of revision and will not be available in 1954.

### Junior

The junior camp curriculum is in process of revision. The only available text for 1954 will be God's Plan for Life, by Blankenship.

### A Word About Other Texts

The National Council of Churches, through its Special Committee on Camps and Conferences, is providing camping texts. There are now available two in the junior field and two in the junior high field. Write to this Department for further information if you are interested in considering them. These texts represent a considerable change in approach from that found in the Judson camping texts and the camping committee should be aware of these changes before ordering the materials.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

There are to be a number of Regional Training Conferences for Church Camp Leaders sponsored by the National Council of Churches in the following areas:

Missouri	May 3-7
California	April 26-30
Oregon	May 3-7
Michigan	May 10-14
Montana	May 31-June 4

These are four-day training sessions with nationally trained leaders. Each session is limited to 50 people and the training is planned specifically for camp work. Those who are interested in conferences will find other training at a later date. For specific information write to this Department.





## Field Schedule

The Field Schedule of the National Staff is listed below in order to help you in making the maximum use of their time in your area. If staff members are coming near your area, and you need their help, please contact them at once. It may be possible to add your visit to their schedule.

### LOIS BLANKENSHIP

#### December

15-31 Vacation

#### January

8-14 Pomona, Calif.  
15,16 Southern California  
17-23 Los Angeles, Calif.  
24-26 San Francisco, Calif.  
28-30 Oregon

#### February

1,2 Washington  
4,5 Idaho  
7-11 Cincinnati, Ohio  
16-19 Philadelphia, Pa.

### L. PAUL BOWLING

#### December 31 to

#### January

3 Philadelphia, Pa.  
7,8 New York, N. Y.  
27-31 Clarksburg, W. Va.

#### February

1-5 West Virginia  
6-10 Cincinnati, Ohio  
18,19 Philadelphia, Pa.  
23-26 Greenwich, Conn.

### RODNEY M. BRITTEN

#### December

15 Philadelphia, Pa.

#### January

7,8 New York, N. Y.  
13,14 Eastern Pennsylvania  
15,16 Central Pennsylvania  
20,21 Western Pennsylvania  
22-26 Ohio  
27-30 Michigan

#### February

2-6 New York, N. Y.  
18,19 Philadelphia, Pa.  
23-26 Greenwich, Conn.

### KENNETH L. COBER

#### January

7,8 Philadelphia, Pa.  
12,13 Nevada  
15-17 Southern California  
19-22 Berkeley, Calif.  
23 Northern California  
24-26 San Francisco, Cal.  
27-30 Oregon

#### February

1,2 Seattle, Wash.  
4 Idaho Falls, Idaho  
7-13 Cincinnati, Ohio  
18,19 Philadelphia, Pa.

### MARGARET L. CRAIN

#### January

5,6 Delaware, Ohio  
7,8 New York, N. Y.  
13,14 Eastern Pennsylvania  
15,16 Central Pennsylvania  
20,21 Western Pennsylvania  
22-26 Ohio  
27-30 Michigan

#### February

7-11 Cincinnati, Ohio  
16-19 Philadelphia, Pa.

### JAMES E. FIDLER

#### December

21-31 Vacation

#### January

6,7 New York, N. Y.  
13,14 Eastern Pennsylvania  
15,16 Central Pennsylvania  
20,21 Western Pennsylvania  
22-26 Ohio  
27-30 Michigan

#### February

7-11 Cincinnati, Ohio  
15-19 Philadelphia, Pa.

### FORREST B. FORDHAM

#### December

31 to

#### January

1 Philadelphia, Pa.  
6-8 New York  
12-13 Reno, Nevada  
15-17 Southern California  
19-23 Berkeley, Calif.  
25,26 San Francisco, Calif.  
27 Roseburg, Oregon  
28,29 Portland, Oregon  
30 Pendleton, Oregon

#### February

1,2 Washington  
4 Idaho Falls, Idaho  
6-11 Cincinnati, Ohio  
18,19 Philadelphia, Pa.  
23-26 Connecticut

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#### January

7,8 New York  
12,13 Nevada  
15-18 Southern California  
19-26 Northern California  
27-31 Oregon

### JOSEPH JOHN HANSON (cont'd)

#### February

1,2 Washington  
4 Idaho  
5 Utah  
15 Philadelphia, Pa.  
18,19 Philadelphia, Pa.

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#### December

14-19 New York

#### January

5,6 Connecticut  
7-12 New York  
13,14 Eastern Pennsylvania  
15,16 Central Pennsylvania  
20,21 Western Pennsylvania  
22-26 Ohio  
27-30 Michigan

#### February

8-13 Cincinnati, Ohio  
15-17 New York  
18,19 Philadelphia, Pa.  
22-26 New York

### FLORENCE STANSBURY

#### December

15-30 Vacation

#### January

5,6 Greenwich, Conn.  
7,8 New York, N. Y.  
12,13 Reno, Nevada  
15-17 Los Angeles, Calif.  
19-22 Berkeley, Calif.  
23 Northern California  
25,26 Bay Cities, Calif.  
27,28 Northern California  
29,30 Oregon

#### February

1,2 Washington  
4 Idaho  
5 Utah  
6-11 Cincinnati, Ohio  
16-19 Philadelphia, Pa.

### CHARLES R. WOODSON

#### December 31 to

#### January

3 Overbrook, Pa.  
13,14 Eastern Pennsylvania  
15,16 Central Pennsylvania  
20,21 Western Pennsylvania  
22-26 Ohio  
27-30 Michigan  
February  
6-13 Cincinnati, Ohio





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Mrs. F. William Godtfriing - Buffalo. I am aware of a new interest in the adult department of our local church schools. Several of our churches are making a definite effort to provide for the adults in the church and to urge them to attend the Church School sessions.

R. LaRue Cober - New York City. We are in the process of creating a Christian Education Committee of twenty members in each of our Societies with sub-committees to serve each Society in some ten areas of work.

Joseph I. Chapman - Minnesota. Our 1953 Students-in-Industry Project has come to a close and it was the most successful one we have had as far as attendance and growth on the part of those attending. It was attended by 27 young people from 5 different countries besides several states in the U.S.A. The purpose of the project is to discover our Evangelical Witness in our modern industrial age. It is sponsored by our State B.Y.F. and the Council on Christian Social Progress of the American Baptist Convention.

Robert F. Ferree - Kansas. Our State Convention this last week presented an opportunity for the Department of Christian Education to give a discussion concerning Christian Education. We did this in the form of a Christian Education panel. Five people represented the various phases of Christian Education. I presented various questions concerning our State and National program which were in line with various questions often asked by members of our local churches.

In this brief 30 minute time we were able to outline a Christian education program and to make various suggestions to the local churches. An exhibit of materials along with the free materials were on display downstairs for our Departmental work.

Morton W. Work - Nebraska. As a result of the October conferences we now have about 60 or 70 trained workers in our state.

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